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Subject: Microsoft Settlement - remove the chains that bind Microsoft... show some respect for our capitalistic ways

To Department of Justice,

With regards to the current legal issues concerning Microsoft, I would like to stand behind Microsoft.

It is apparent that the practices undertaken by Microsoft, if they had been taken by a smaller company on the rise, would have been rewarded. They would have been congratulated on their competitive strategizing and their superior products. It is only because Microsoft is a big company and that its competitors whiners that this has come to a legal battle. Had Microsoft been small and relatively unknown, there would not be this case. It is because they are big that the issue is at hand. They are being punished for being good at what they do... This is symptomatic of our "age of resentment" and a culture who asserts its "entitlement" to the unearned.

My entire company used to use Netscape. We put up with the bugs in their software and the inconsistencies of layout in trying to design websites. When Microsoft came out with their superior browser, we dumped Netscape BY CHOICE and now eagerly await any new innovations Microsoft is able to introduce. If it weren't for the innovations presented by Microsoft and of their commitment to produce cutting edge consumer products, I would not have my business; I would not have my career.

With regard to this over pricing issue... how utterly absurd! I don't think they charge enough !! Show some respect for the core values of America. Let Microsoft be free to design its products as it sees fit and to attach whatever price they so desire. If people don't like the price, they can do without!! If Microsoft tries to price their products too high, the competition will move in. I thought this was the beauty of capitalism. I thought this was the differentiating aspect of America. I thought this was the seat of our example to the world that democracy coupled with capitalism is the only truly ethical system.

The funny thing is... I believe Microsoft is only just getting started. There is so much left to do in the world of computing... from Business services to Health services to Artificial Intelligence to communications... etc... etc... Microsoft will rise to these challenges. That is if you let them continue unhindered.

Thank you,

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